

## The American Legion

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Dear Baldwin County Commission,

The American Legion posts in Baldwin County requests your assistance in providing bus transportation to Baldwin County delegates to attend Alabama Boys State. We would need a bus for May 26, 2019 from Baldwin County to the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and a return trip on June 1, 2019.

Participation in Alabama Boys State is one of the highest honors granted to Alabama students. Students from across the state are chosen based on their demonstration of leadership, academics, strong morals, and motivation in school and community activities. Boys State week is a full and active week held on the campus of The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa from May 26 to June 1, 2019. This unique summertime program, emphasizes learning by participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with its governing bodies and elected officials. This year marks the 82nd annual American Legion Boys State.

In the past, we have sent more than 20 Baldwin County students to participate in this program. Each high school in Baldwin County selects one or more students completing their junior year. The American Legion posts fund the delegate fee of \$225 per student. The students are not required to fund any portion of this educational opportunity.

There is no better way to assure the survival of our republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American government. By teaching youth to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society, we can keep America strong and ensure freedom for future generations. All who attend can acquire a better understanding and regard for two of our nation's benefits: freedom and democracy.

Please consider once again supporting the Baldwin County delegates selected to attend the 2019 Alabama American Legion Boys State program. I can be reached at 334-313-8921 or via email at staceycw@gulftel.com.

Respectfully,

Donna Stacey

**Boys State Coordinator** 

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